

Congressional Update



Congressman Mark DeSaulnier

August 4, 2018

Hosted **69** Town Halls & Mobile District Office Hours

2015	2016	2017		2018
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Stay Tuned for More Issue Specific Town Halls

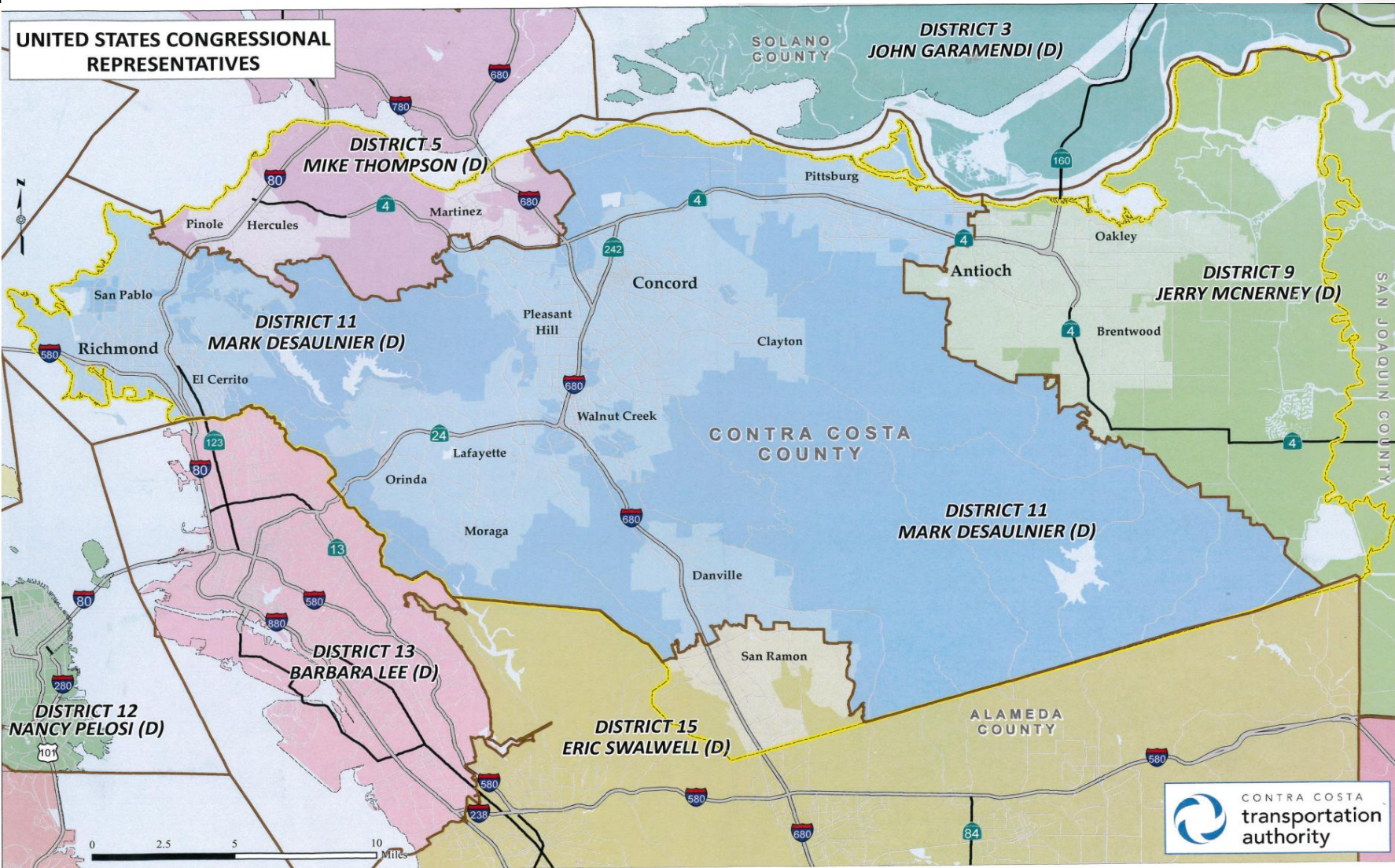
Past Town Halls:

- Conversation on Race
- 3 Town Halls on Republican Tax Bill
- Gun Violence Prevention Town Hall
- Protecting Our Environment Town Hall

Future Town Halls:

- Securing Our Elections Town Hall – August 13th
- Community Engagement Town Hall
- Future of Work Town Hall

Map of the Congressional District (CA-11)



“I've spoken of the shining city all my political life, but I don't know if I ever quite communicated what I saw when I said it. But in my mind it was a tall, proud city built on rocks stronger than oceans, windswept, God-blessed, and teeming with people of all kinds living in harmony and peace; a city with free ports that hummed with commerce and creativity. **And if there had to be city walls, the walls had doors and the doors were open to anyone with the will and the heart to get here.** That's how I saw it, and see it still.”

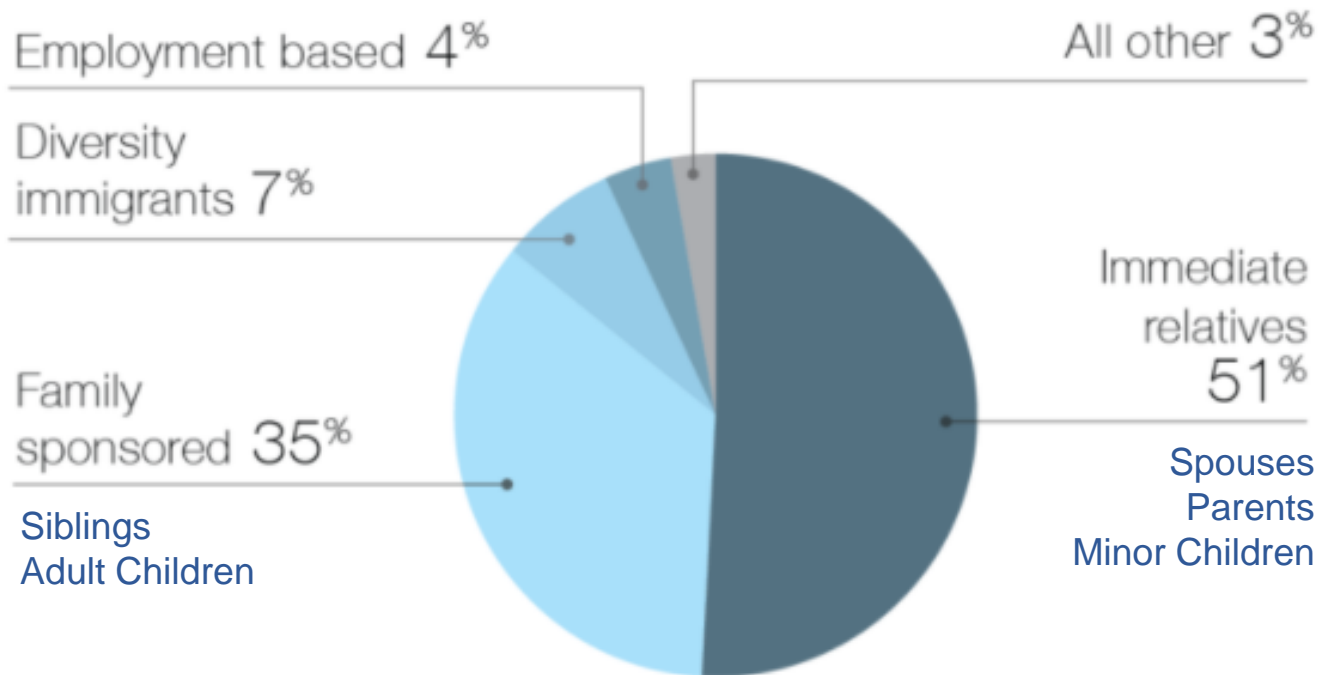
- President Ronald Reagan
Farewell Address
January 11, 1989

History of Immigration in United States

- Major waves of immigration:
 - **Colonial era:** in search of religious freedom, economic opportunity, slave trade
 - **Mid-19th Century:** Irish (famine), German (farms), and Asian (gold rush) immigrants
 - **Pre-World War I:** seeking jobs from industrialization and urbanization, fleeing persecution

The U.S. Immigration System is based on Family Values

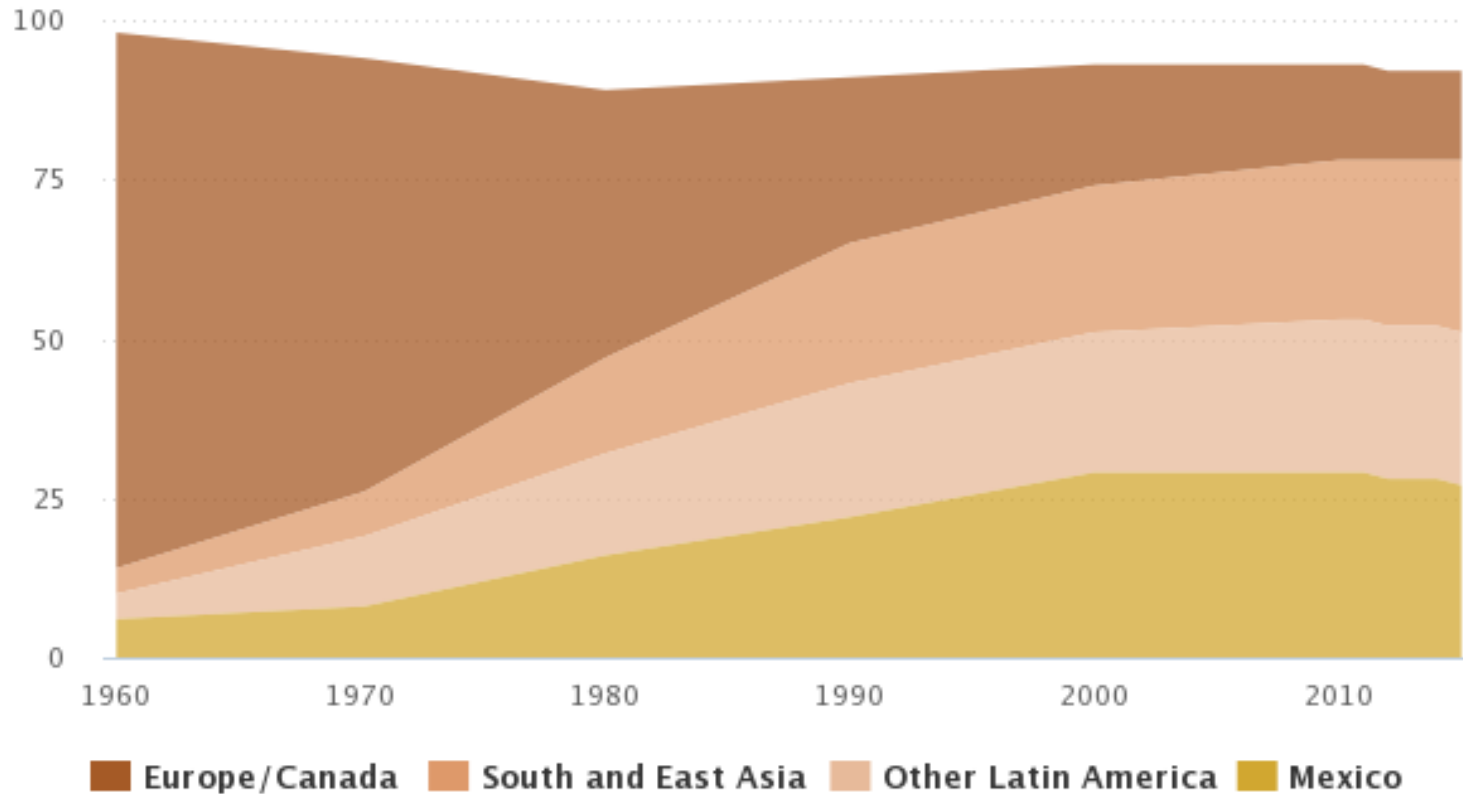
Immigrant visas by type FY 2016



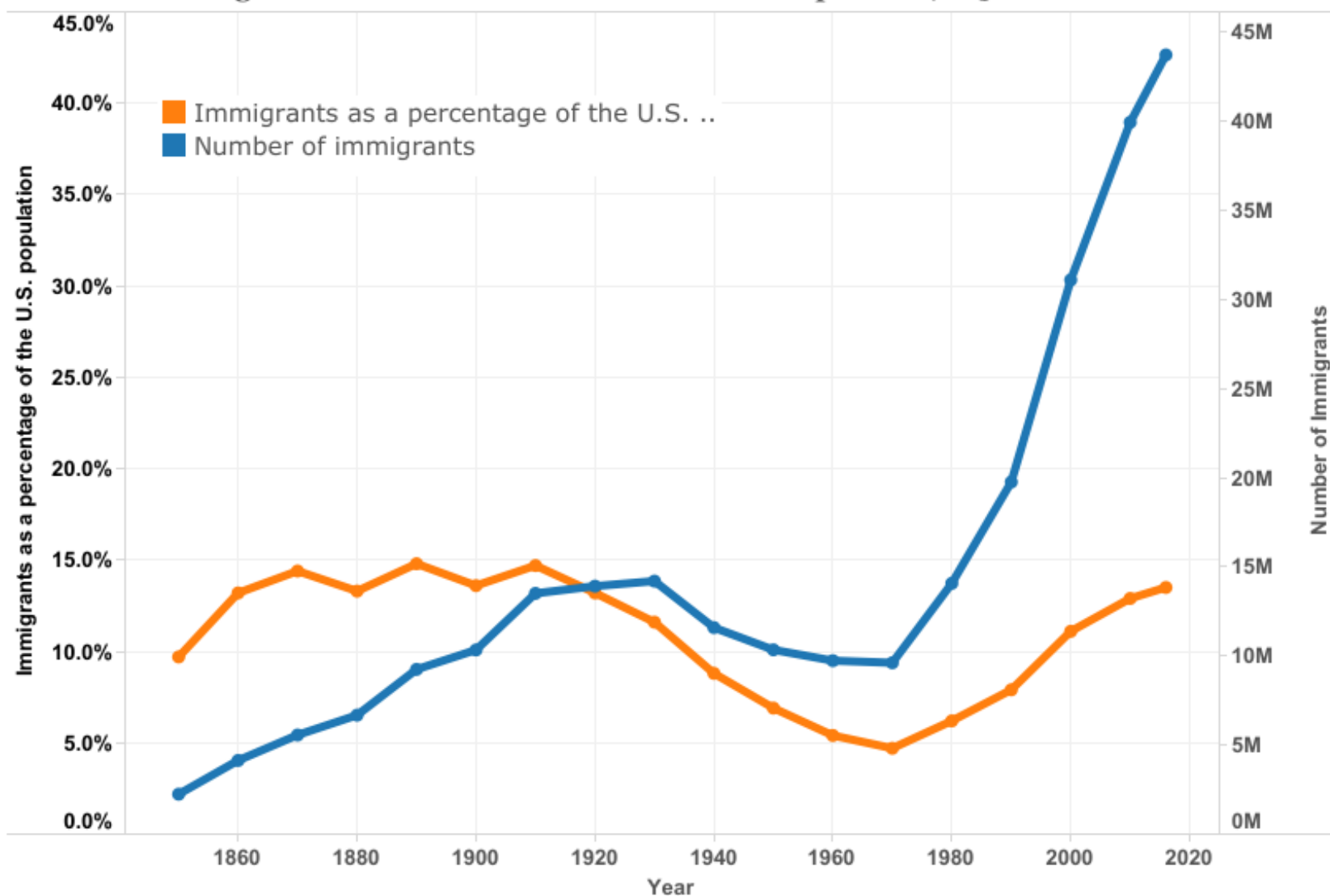
Classes of Immigrants Issued Visas at Foreign Service Posts. FY 2016. U.S. Department of State.

Shifting Immigration Demographics

% of foreign-born population residing in the U.S. who were born in ...



Number of Immigrants and Their Share of the Total U.S. Population, 1850-2016



Migration Policy Institute (MPI) Data Hub
<http://migrationpolicy.org/programs/data-hub>

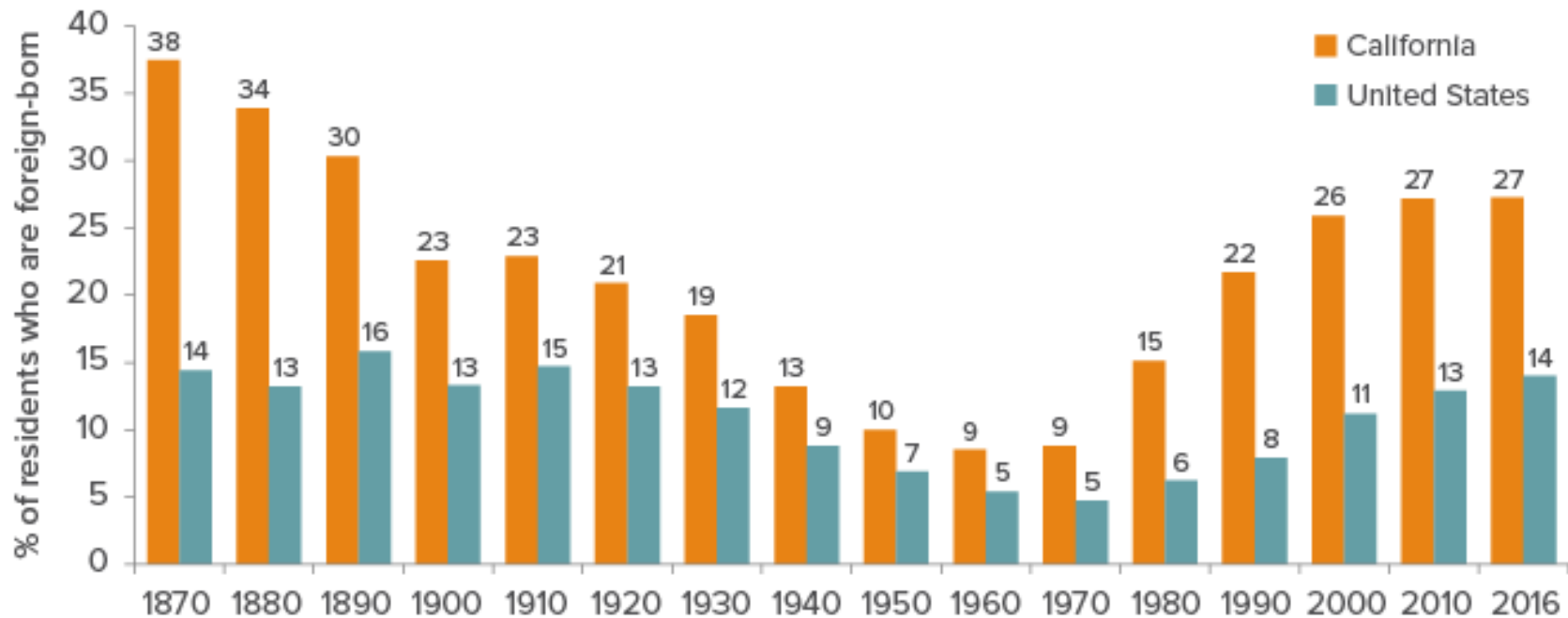
The Many Benefits of Immigration

- Immigrants added about **\$2 trillion to the U.S. GDP** in 2016*
 - Researchers estimate in California they added between \$4.6 and \$8 billion*
- In 2010, more than **40% of Fortune 500 companies** were founded by immigrants and their children
- 20 million adult U.S.-born children of immigrants have higher incomes than their parents
- Immigration induced a **4% real wage increase** for the average **native worker** between 1990 and 2004
- The inflow of STEM workers driven by H-1B visas during the period 1990-2010 **explains up to 30% of the productivity growth** in U.S. cities

Major Immigration Laws

- **Immigration Act of 1924** – created a quota system that restricted entry to 2 percent of the total number of people of each nationality in America as of 1890
 - Favored immigrants from Western Europe and prohibited immigrants from Asia
- **Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965** – did away with nationality quotas and allowed Americans to sponsor relatives from their countries of origin

Percentage of Foreign Born Residents in U.S. vs. California



Administration's Actions and Proposals

- Implementation of the Zero Tolerance Policy
 - Family separation
 - Possible need for additional detention centers
- Backtrack on DACA
- Cancellation of Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- Muslim Ban
- Border wall
- Attempt to drastically reduce legal immigration numbers by moving to “merit-based” system

Immigration – Family Separation

- In 6 weeks, the Trump Administration separated at least 2,500 children from their families at the border due exclusively to the President's "Zero Tolerance Policy"
- After saying he had no power to change the situation, family separations stopped when the President issued an executive order
- Trump Administration missed the deadline to reunify children ages 0-5 and **only reunified 57 of the 103 children** deeming the others "ineligible"
- The deadline to reunite all other children was July 26th
 - Only 1,600 of the remaining 2,500 children were deemed eligible
- Administration admits that **more than 460 parents were deported before being reunified with their children**

Trip to the Border



Family Separation

DeSaulnier Efforts:

- **Visited the U.S.-Mexico border** to see detention facilities and court proceedings the families are subject to
- A bill that **prohibits the Administration from separating families** like this again
- Letters asking HHS and DHS to **clarify and expedite the process for children to be reunited with their families**
- Bills **calling for mental health care for the children** being taken from their families
- **Bills requiring that families be reunited immediately**
- Letter asking **how much money the Administration has spent on their policy of separating children at the border**
- Bills to **improve the treatment of children who are being detained** and are currently separated from their families while they await reunification
- Letter asking that **no Congressional money be used to separate families**

* The bills and letters mentioned above total more than 15. For a full accounting of specific bill numbers, please contact my office.

Immigration – Concord Naval Weapons Station

- Time Magazine reported on memo recommending DoD-owned land be used to house immigrant detention centers leaked
 - Reportedly recommended Concord Naval Weapons Station (CWS) as a possible site
- Located next to an Army munitions depot, is in the process of being transferred to Concord, and requires environmental clean-up
- Received confirmation from DoD that **CNWS is not currently being considered to house immigrants**
- **We will continue to monitor and ask the community to stay vigilant**

DeSaulnier Efforts:

- **Sent letter with 14 Bay Area Members of Congress asking for the Navy report**
- **Sent letter to Secretary of the Navy opposing any detention facilities, especially at CNWS**
- **Hosted Facebook Town Hall on the matter last week**

Immigration

- Supreme Court upheld the Muslim Ban
- Courts have ruled that the Administration must continue to accept DACA renewals → **This is not a permanent solution**
- Dreamers will contribute **\$460.3 billion to the U.S. gross domestic product** over the next decade
- One immigration bill failed to pass and another could not make it to the floor – **neither were bipartisan**

DeSaulnier Efforts:

- **Support Dream Act** to provide a path to citizenship for Dreamers
- Signed discharge petition to **force a vote on immigration in the House**
- Sent letters to ICE **opposing targeted immigration raids** in Northern California

Legislative Proposals

Over the years, there have been several bipartisan bills introduced

- Gang of Eight Proposal - Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act (S. 744)
 - Passed 68-32 in the Senate on June 27, 2013
 - Never considered by the House
- Uniting and Securing America (USA) Act (H.R. 4796)
 - Never received hearing or vote in the House

Instead of considering bipartisan bills, the House only voted on divisive and controversial bills this year

- Securing America's Future Act (H.R. 4760)
 - Failed by a vote of 193-to-231
- Border Security and Immigration Reform Act (H.R. 6136)
 - Failed by a vote of 121-to-301

Congressional Actions

12 initiatives enacted into law, including efforts to:

- Expand John Muir National Historic Site (*bill signed into law June 22nd*)
- Secure funding for autonomous vehicle testing at GoMentum
- Prevent student concussions

22 legislative efforts passed the House and Committee including efforts to:

- Empower pharmacists in the fight against opioid addiction
- Make our air travel system safer and more efficient

Caucuses & Initiatives:

- **Future of Work Wages and Labor**
- **Bipartisan Cancer Survivors Caucus, Founder & Co-Chair**
- **Urban Regional Studies Caucus, Founder**

Our Office



2018 FINALIST | **CONSTITUENT SERVICE**

“Rep. DeSaulnier and his staff are to be congratulated for not only being a model for colleagues in Congress, but for helping to restore trust and faith that our democratic institutions can work.”

– Bradford Fitch, **President and CEO of the Congressional Management Foundation**

*DeSaulnier’s office was one out of six in Congress (3 Democrats, 3 Republicans) selected for this award.

CONGRESSMAN DESAULNIER'S CONSTITUENT SERVICES BY THE NUMBERS



ASSISTED
3,500+

Constituents in
navigating problems
with a federal agency



HOSTED **68**

Town Halls & Mobile
District Office Hours



RESPONDED TO

235,650+

Constituent inquiries



✉ = 10,000 responses

ATTENDED

650+

Community events & meetings



488,000+

Miles flown between
California & Washington, DC

35

BILLS & AMENDMENTS



24 Bills Authored

11 Amendments Enacted



HELPED

2,400+

Constituents secure tours of
the Washington, D.C. area

Performance Standards

- The private sector uses performance metrics and standards to gauge businesses' efficiency and effectiveness, using collected data to hold leaders accountable and perfect their business model over time
- Performance measures in the public sector are critical to ensuring that hard-earned taxpayer dollars are spent in the most effective manner
 - *Metropolitan Planning Enhancement Act (H.R. 3787)*
 - *Transportation Megaprojects Accountability and Oversight Act (H.R. 4228)*
- Internal office performance metrics include:
 - **Meeting Requests:** If you request a meeting, expect to receive a response within 24-hours
 - **Correspondence:** Emails and letters received in our office will be sent a response within 5 business days of receipt
 - **Casework:** Requests for assistance through our website or by phone will receive a phone call within 24-hours
 - **Tours & Flags:** Requests submitted through our website will receive a phone call within 24-hours

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